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in fact a considerable number have been promised as soon as case-room is provided.

At the meeting of the Section, held December 23d, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Theodore D. Rand.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Wm. W. Jefferis.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Wm. W. Jefferis.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	John Ford.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	}					Chas. Schäffer.
<i>and Recorder,</i>						

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND,

Director.

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The work of cataloguing and rearranging the Ornithological collection has gone on steadily during the past year; and, although not quite so many specimens have been worked over as in the previous year, this has been more than compensated by the large increase in the labelling and cataloguing.

The Conservator has been enabled to devote a considerable amount of his time to the work, as has also Mr. McCadden, the taxidermist, while valuable assistance has been rendered by Mr. Henry W. Fowler, Miss Helen M. Higgins and Mr. Wm. J. Gerhard.

During the year 4,193 mounted specimens have been worked over, the best of them being remounted and the types and duplicates reduced to skins, and all the material not hitherto named has been carefully identified and catalogued. In addition to this a large number of temporary lists were copied into the regular catalogue, which has now been brought up to date, while a considerable number of labels for specimens in the exhibition cases have been prepared. This work for the year aggregates 4,125 labels written, and 9,979 entries in the catalogue. The groups renovated in the mounted collection comprised the Cathartidæ, Falconidæ, Bubonidæ, Strigidæ, Fringillidæ, Ploceidæ, Laniidæ, Motacillidæ, Alaudidæ, Artamidæ,

and Dicaeidae, while specimens were remounted for exhibition in the Muscicapidae, Oriolidae, Dicuridae, and Campophagidae.

The accessions during the year have amounted to 1,020 specimens, the most important being a collection of birds from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, presented by S. N. Rhoads, a small collection of Pennsylvania birds from Dr. Thos. H. Montgomery, a small collection from Tennessee made during May and June by Mr. S. N. Rhoads, and a well-mounted collection of game birds from Mr. A. Sydney Logan. A fine pair of Flamingoes has been purchased for mounting, and a number of valuable specimens from the Zoological Society of Philadelphia have been prepared, either as mounted specimens, skins or skeletons.

The southeast room on the gallery floor of the library was placed at the disposal of the Section early in the year, and the entire collection of skins removed to it, where they are much more accessible to the student; while the enlarged quarters furnish increased facilities for work in this department. One large tin case for the preservation of type specimens has been provided during the year, as well as twenty wooden packing cases for the temporary storage of duplicate specimens of large water birds and birds of prey.

The entire collection of skins has been examined during the year and found to be in excellent condition.

The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club has rendered valuable aid to the Section in arousing a lively interest in ornithology in this vicinity. It continues to hold its meetings at the Academy and to contribute many valuable specimens to the collection of local birds, as well as to the general collection.

Much assistance has been rendered during the year to students in the way of identifying material, etc., and specimens have also been loaned to specialists.

The work of renovating the old mounted collection has advanced so far that it is hoped that it may be entirely completed during the coming year, with the exception of labelling and final arrangement. This cannot be accomplished until new dust-proof exhibition cases are provided, and the advisability of procuring these at an early date cannot be too earnestly urged.

At the annual meeting of the Section, held December 16th, 1895, the following officers were elected:—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	Dr. Spencer Trotter.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	George S. Morris.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	Stewardson Brown.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	William A. Shryock.
<i>Treasurer and Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	Witmer Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

WITMER STONE,
Conservator.

REPORT OF THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Anthropological Section of the Academy, the formation of which was authorized by votes of the Academy on April 23d and 30th, 1895, was organized on the evening of April 30th, Dr. Harrison Allen being chosen as Chairman, Charles Morris as Secretary and Treasurer. It has held meetings in May, October, November and December, and has received special communications from Mr. John Ford on Indian grave mounds, from Drs. Mills, Ball and others on brain and skull degeneration, and from Dr. Sharp on the Ethnology of Alaska and Siberia. Twenty-eight members have joined the Section. A meeting for organization was held in December, at which the following officers were elected:—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Harrison Allen, M.D.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Dr. C. N. Peirce.
<i>Recorder,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Charles Morris.
<i>Secretary and Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	M. V. Ball.

CHARLES MORRIS,
Recorder.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY.

The Professor of Invertebrate Paleontology respectfully reports that the condition of the collections that were under his charge until December 1st—when his duties became associated with the Department of Geology—remains much as it was at the time of the filing of the last annual report. As for a number years past, the one great obstacle to arrangement and classification in the deficiency